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SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSION OF VIETNAM

REF: USUN 2293 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. SECURITY COUNCIL OPENED CONSIDERATION ON JULY 19 OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON APPLICATION OF VIETNAM FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. DURING MORNING SESSION, SPEAKERS INCLUDED (IN ORDER) SC MEMBERS; FRANCE, INDIA, USSR, ROMANIA, PAKISTAN, US (REPORTED REF) MAURITIOUS, PANAMA AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

2. AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN WITH CANADA FOLLOWED BY LIBYA, BENIN, VENEZUELA, UNITED KINGDOM, FOLLOWED THEREAFTER BY NON-SC MEMBERS; BULGARIS, ALGERIA, SRI LANKA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MONGOLIA, ANGOLA, GUINEA, ALGERIA, MADAGASGAR, YUGOSLAVIA AND SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

3. MOST SPEECHES BY DELEGATES FROM AREA GROUPS OR BLOCS WERE PREDICTABLE IN THEIR CONTENT. EASTERN EUROPEANS DWELT ON THEME THAT US SHOULD FACE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND GIVE RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VIETNAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, REPEATED REFERENCES TO PARIS ACCORDS
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WERE MADE. ASIAN SPEAKERS, HAILED VIETNAM'S ENTRY AS CONTRIBUTING TO CONTINUED STABILITY AND PEACE IN SE ASIA. THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS ALSO NOTED VIETNAM'S POSITIVE ACTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT GROUP AS A WHOLE.

4. ANGOLA IN MOST STRIDENT SPEECH OF DAY REFERRED TO THE VICTIMIZATION OF VIETNAM BY AN "OLD ENEMY" OF THE OPPRESSED AND STATED "THE ENEMY" ALWAYS THE SAME, BE IT IN THE HILLS OF ANGOLA, IN THE JUNGLES OF ASIA OR IN THE SOWETOS. USSR IN LENGTHY SPEECH, SPOKE OF "CONTRIVED OBSTACLES" IN PAST YEARS TO VIETNAM'S ADMISSION AND CITED ALLEGED OBLIGATION FOR REPARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF PARIS ACCORDS.

5. MOST POSITIVE COMMENTS WERE MADE BY SRI LANKA (AMERASINGHE) AND PANAMA (RIOS). AMERASINGHE CONGRATULATED US ON "AN ENLIGHTENED POLICY" WHICH GAVE MEMBERS "A GLIMPSE OF THE TRUE CHARACTER AND GENIUS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE." RIOS APPLAUDED "CHANGE" IN US POSITION ON VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS OUR "NEW POSITIVE APPROACH". RIOS SAID PANAMA IS "ENCOURAGED BY

PRESIDENT CARTER'S LEADERSHIP" AND HOPED THAT THIS SIGN BODED WELL FOR PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. JAPAN SAID THAT VIETNAM'S ADMISSION WOULD "UNDERLINE THAT PEACE AND STABILITY ARE TAKING ROOT IN ASIA."

6. PRESIDENT SCHEDULED NEXT SESSION OF DEBATE FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, AT 10:30 A.M. AT LEAST EIGHT MORE SPEAKERS ARE INSCRIBED. AT START OF MEETING A.M. JULY 19, UNSC AGREED THAT NON-MEMBER STATE VIETNAM SHOULD BE INVITED TO SPEAK AT END OF DISCUSSIONS.

7. COMMENT : DURING DEBATE, THERE WERE MANY INDIRECT BUT RELATIVELY FEW DIRECT REFERENCES TO US IN DEROGATORY MANNER. REACTION TO US SPEECH AMONG EASTERN EUROPEANS
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AND NONALIGNED WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. THEY CONSIDERED US SPEECH TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS COULD BE EXPECTED. INTERESTINGLY, MONGOLIA APPLAUDED VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP ON NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE.
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